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TENNESSEE OCCUPATIONAL WAGES AND BENEFITS SURVEY

The completion of Tennessee's first statewide survey of wages and fringe benefits shows that workers with the most education earn the highest hourly wages. Hourly wages ranged from an average (mean) of $3.29 per hour (excluding tips) paid to waiters and waitresses to an average of $18.68 per hour paid to physical therapists. Among the jobs reporting weekly wages, correction officers and jailers reported the lowest weekly average at $319.79, while chemical engineers topped the list with average weekly pay of $956.91.

The lowest paying hourly occupations are those which require no post-secondary education or very little vocational training. These jobs include waiters and waitresses, fast food cooks ($4.53 per hour), and restaurant hosts and hostesses ($4.67 per hour). The highest paying hourly jobs require two to four years of specific vocational preparation or college education. Following physical therapists at the high end of the pay scale are registered nurses ($14.43 per hour) and electricians ($14.10 per hour).

Among jobs reporting the lowest average weekly wages were correction officers and jailers, followed by travel agents ($323.72), and food services and lodging managers ($372.52 per week). On the high end of the spectrum, chemical engineers topped the average weekly pay scale at $956.91, followed by financial managers ($865.02 per week), and mechanical engineers ($821.71).

In the survey group, 87.7 percent of the employers provided medical insurance. Paid sick leave was available to employees at half of the companies surveyed. Paid vacations of varying lengths were available at 93.4 percent of the companies. Sixty percent of the employers surveyed spent 25 percent or less of their payroll for benefits.

More than 2,600 usable responses to the random sampling of 10,000 employers representing seven industry groups has provided information on 138 job titles and 184,800 workers. All businesses with 100 or more employees were automatically included, while a stratified sample was taken from those establishments employing less than 100, but no fewer than 20 workers.

The Tennessee Occupational Wage and Benefit Survey was a cooperative effort between the Department of Employment Security and the departments of Economic and Community Development, Education, Labor, and Human Services, and the Tennessee Board of Regents.

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HOURLY EARNINGS FOR WORKERS IN SELECTED OCCUPATIONS IN TENNESSEE

OCCUPATION TITLE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	MEAN	MEDIAN	MIDDLE 50 PERCENT* FROM	TO
Assemblers & Fabricators, Excl. Elec. & Prec.	228	11,138	$8.22	$7.91	$6.85	$9.10
Bookkeeping, Accounting & Auditing Clerks	1,285	3,101	8.42	8.10	6.92	9.62
Cashiers	345	5,270	4.82	4.50	4.25	5.00
Combination Mach. Tool Oper. Metals/Plastics	137	1,977	8.89	8.75	7.14	10.71
Cooks, Specialty Fast Food	106	2,373	4.53	4.40	4.25	4.58
Electricians	238	2,223	14.10	14.85	11.75	16.25
Food Preperation Workers	118	2,027	4.74	4.40	4.25	4.75
Freight, Stock, & Material Movers, Hand	510	5,265	7.53	7.10	5.50	8.93
General Office Clerks	1,127	4,455	7.33	7.00	6.00	8.40
Guards & Watch Guards	211	3,983	6.29	5.50	4.50	7.50
Hand Packers & Packagers	157	1,932	6.64	6.25	5.00	8.12
Helpers, Laborers & Material Movers, Hand	482	7,396	7.68	7.30	5.75	9.00
Industrial Truck & Tractor Operators	339	2,875	9.12	8.81	7.25	10.30
Janitors & Cleaners	917	7,122	6.34	5.85	4.87	7.35
Licensed Practical Nurses	202	3,757	9.45	9.00	8.25	10.00
Machinery Maintenance Mechanics	379	3,083	11.45	11.06	9.50	13.15
Machinists	161	2,007	11.79	10.90	9.00	15.00
Maids & Housekeeping Cleaners	120	2,300	4.85	4.40	4.25	5.25
Nursing Aides, Orderlies & Attendants	120	5,457	5.55	5.00	4.49	6.37
Production Inspectors, Graders	281	3,107	8.63	7.90	6.76	10.15
Registered Nurses	204	4,085	14.43	13.99	13.00	15.60
Salespersons, Retail	263	3,546	6.08	5.00	4.25	6.15
Secretaries, Excluding Legal & Medical	892	4,677	8.45	8.15	6.88	9.75
Sewing Machine Operators, Garment	104	10,686	5.97	6.00	4.70	6.83
Stock Clerks	312	1,950	7.72	7.00	5.40	9.00
Traffic Shipping & Receiving Clerks	602	1,823	7.88	7.69	6.00	9.30
Truck Drivers, Heavy or Tractor Trailer	414	3,835	10.12	9.50	7.75	12.46
Truck Drivers, Light, Including Delivery	460	2,595	7.71	6.50	5.00	9.00
Waiters & Waitresses	133	2,421	3.29	2.50	2.13	4.25
Welders & Cutters	173	1,837	10.61	10.15	8.70	12.00

*Middle 50 percent - This range represents wages paid when the lowest paid 25 percent and the highest paid 25 percent of persons in these occupations are excluded form the responses.

WEEKLY EARNINGS FOR WORKERS IN SELECTED OCCUPATIONS IN TENNESSEE

OCCUPATION TITLE	NUMBER OF FIRMS	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	MEAN	MEDIAN	MIDDLE 50 PERCENT* FROM	TO
Accountant	685	1,234	$585.17	$543.80	$440.00	$669.00
Administrative Services Managers	639	1,490	664.38	600.00	442.31	800.00
Financial Managers	627	875	865.02	810.00	617.60	1034.00
Fire Fighters	39	847	396.99	398.43	334.80	442.96
First Line Supervisors, Clerical	911	3,428	512.63	465.00	363.46	605.00
First Line Supervisors, Production	413	2,672	559.24	540.00	404.00	669.88
Food Service & Lodging Managers	253	1,162	372.52	340.00	280.00	432.69
Law Enforcement Officer	83	1,772	397.58	389.60	338.10	441.18
Personnel, Training & Labor Relations Managers	494	761	653.21	620.97	423.08	800.00
Systems Analysts	156	634	734.05	737.00	662.25	784.69

COUNTY UNEMPLOYMENT RATES FOR APRIL

County	1991	1992	County	1991	1992	County	1991	1992	County	1991	1992
Anderson	3.6	5.4	Fentress	8.1	8.3	Lauderdale	10.2	9.7	Roane	5.4	6.4
Bedford	8.1	7.5	Franklin	5.7	5.1	Lawrence	6.3	5.8	Robertson	9.8	7.4
Benton	6.4	6.6	Gibson	8.6	7.9	Lewis	8.1	8.0	Rutherford	4.6	4.8
Bledsoe	5.8	6.3	Giles	7.0	7.5	Lincoln	9.4	5.9	Scott	9.7	14.3
Blount	5.0	6.0	Grainger	8.8	8.4	Loudon	5.6	6.4	Sequatchie	7.8	12.4
Bradley	5.7	6.2	Greene	11.9	13.2	Macon	8.5	7.0	Sevier	9.8	10.1
Campbell	16.4	14.6	Grundy	9.6	13.0	Madison	4.0	5.8	Shelby	4.3	5.4
Cannon	7.1	7.1	Hamblen	8.8	7.5	Marion	8.1	8.9	Smith	6.8	5.4
Carroll	6.4	6.7	Hamilton	5.3	5.3	Marshall	7.1	5.0	Stewart	5.8	7.3
Carter	5.2	6.0	Hancock	5.9	5.5	Maury	7.0	7.3	Sullivan	3.3	4.8
Cheatham	4.2	5.8	Hardeman	6.5	6.9	McMinn	9.0	9.9	Sumner	5.5	6.6
Chester	4.9	6.7	Hardin	8.9	10.1	McNairy	8.1	7.7	Tipton	7.4	8.2
Claiborne	7.1	5.5	Hawkins	5.9	6.8	Meigs	12.3	12.4	Trousdale	5.7	6.6
Clay	3.1	4.8	Haywood	8.9	7.2	Monroe	10.7	9.9	Unicoi	10.0	9.7
Cocke	12.1	12.3	Henderson	8.2	8.4	Montgomery	6.9	7.1	Union	7.4	5.8
Coffee	7.1	6.2	Henry	5.7	6.8	Moore	6.8	7.2	Van Buren	6.9	7.1
Crockett	5.5	5.7	Hickman	9.2	9.7	Morgan	6.6	9.6	Warren	8.1	7.7
Cumberland	8.7	8.8	Houston	9.7	12.6	Obion	23.0	9.5	Washington	4.5	5.3
Davidson	4.0	4.8	Humphreys	13.6	16.5	Overton	11.0	10.1	Wayne	6.5	5.3
Decatur	8.9	11.9	Jackson	7.6	8.7	Perry	11.4	7.6	Weakley	7.7	4.7
DeKalb	6.3	7.6	Jefferson	8.2	10.3	Pickett	4.3	5.3	White	10.0	11.4
Dickson	5.8	6.4	Johnson	6.6	10.3	Polk	13.8	16.2	Williamson	2.7	3.5
Dyer	6.5	7.7	Knox	3.7	5.2	Putnam	7.5	6.8	Wilson	4.9	5.6
Fayette	6.2	7.1	Lake	8.5	8.5	Rhea	12.3	9.5			

TENNESSEE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE SUMMARY

	April 1991				Revised March 1992				Preliminary April 1992			
	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate	Labor Force	Employment	Unemploy.	Rate
Seasonally Adjusted												
U.S.[1]	125,250,000	116,834,000	8,416,000	6.7	126,590,000	117,348,000	9,242,000	7.3	126,830,000	117,675,000	9,155,000	7.2
TENNESSEE[2]	2,408,500	2,265,900	142,600	5.9	2,430,800	2,265,800	165,000	6.8	2,396,100	2,240,600	155,500	6.5
Not Seasonally Adjusted												
U.S.[1]	124,727,000	116,678,000	8,049,000	6.5	125,797,000	116,106,000	9,691,000	7.7	125,878,000	116,933,000	8,945,000	7.1
TENNESSEE[2]	2,393,700	2,255,100	138,600	5.8	2,403,400	2,234,700	168,700	7.0	2,381,900	2,230,700	151,200	6.3
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREAS[3]												
CHATTANOOGA	210,900	199,300	11,600	5.5	214,200	200,200	14,000	6.5	212,400	200,300	12,100	5.7
JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT, AND BRISTOL	225,600	215,100	10,500	4.7	229,900	215,500	14,400	6.3	228,200	215,000	13,200	5.8
KNOXVILLE	292,700	278,600	14,100	4.8	293,500	273,000	20,500	7.0	291,800	274,000	17,800	6.1
MEMPHIS	471,300	448,900	22,400	4.8	463,100	435,800	27,300	5.9	461,900	435,900	26,000	5.6
NASHVILLE	525,800	502,400	23,400	4.5	521,900	493,200	28,700	5.5	517,900	491,300	26,600	5.1

[1] Error range for these estimates is plus or minus 0.2 percentage points.

[2] Error range for these estimates cannot be computed.

Tennessee's estimated unemployment rate dropped to 6.5 percent in April, down three-tenths of a percentage point from the previous month. The state's unemployment rate was substantially lower than the national rate of 7.2 percent. Across the state, the unemployment rate decreased in 86 counties, increased in eight counties, and stayed the same in one county. Williamson County at 3.5 percent, down from 4.0 percent, reported the state's lowest unemployment rate. Humphreys County at 16.5 percent, down from 18.2 percent, registered the state's highest rate.

The overall increase in goods producing industries was due primarily to advances in durable goods manufacturing. The largest employment increases occurred in transportation equipment, up by 500, because of hiring in the auto industry and in industrial machinery and equipment, up by 300, due to the recall of laid off workers and overall growth. Construction was up by 2,500 jobs due to seasonal increases.

In the service producing sector, services increased by 5,900 jobs. Retail trade increased by 4,500 with 3,200 jobs being created in eating and drinking establishments. Building materials and garden supplies increased by 500 jobs. Transportation, communication, and public utilities increased by 500 jobs.

The major monthly decline was a loss of 18,600 government workers, the majority of whom were temporary employees used to staff the election polls in March. Food and kindred products declined by 800 and apparel lost 300 jobs.

The April 1991 to April 1992 employment figures show that over a one-year period employment grew by 11,900 jobs, a turnaround from the comparable 1990-1991 time period when 26,600 jobs were lost to layoffs and closures. In the service producing sector, services led the way with a gain of 10,900 jobs, of which 6,500 jobs were created in health services. Retail trade was up by 4,600 jobs. In the goods producing sector, manufacturing was up by 7,100 jobs. Most of the growth in manufacturing took place in industrial machinery and equipment, which grew by 3,300; rubber and miscellaneous plastics, up by 3,200; and transportation equipment, up by 2,500.

Over the one-year period, government declined by 3,900; transportation, communications and public utilities were down by 2,700; and construction lost 2,300.

STATEWIDE

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT* (in thousands)

Industry	April 1991	Revised March 1992	Preliminary April 1992	Net Change Apr. 1991 to Apr. 1992	Net Change Mar. 1992 to Apr. 1992
TOTAL	2,165.6	2,180.9	2,177.5	11.9	-3.4
Goods Producing	587.5	588.5	592.1	4.6	3.6
Manufacturing	495.6	501.8	502.7	7.1	0.9
Durable Goods	245.0	250.9	252.1	7.1	1.2
Lumber & Wood Products	18.5	18.2	18.4	-0.1	0.2
Furniture & Fixtures	25.5	26.3	26.2	0.7	-0.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	13.1	12.9	13.0	-0.1	0.1
Primary Metal Industries	15.1	15.0	15.0	-0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	41.2	41.8	41.9	0.7	0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	35.9	38.9	39.2	3.3	0.3
Electronic & Other Electric Equip.	34.1	34.5	34.4	0.3	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	40.0	42.0	42.5	2.5	0.5
Instruments & Related Products	10.7	10.3	10.4	-0.3	0.1
Miscellaneous Manufacturing	10.9	11.0	11.1	0.2	0.1
Nondurable Goods	250.6	250.9	250.6	0.0	-0.3
Food & Kindred Products	37.3	37.0	36.2	-1.1	-0.8
Meat Products	8.2	7.8	7.6	-0.6	-0.2
Tobacco	1.3	1.2	1.1	-0.2	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	20.1	19.8	19.9	-0.2	0.1
Knitting Mills	8.7	8.9	8.9	0.2	0.0
Apparel & Other Fabricated Products	60.3	59.0	58.7	-1.6	-0.3
Paper & Allied Products	21.3	21.0	21.2	-0.1	0.2
Printing & Publishing	37.2	37.1	37.2	0.0	0.1
Chemicals & Allied Products	39.3	39.2	39.3	0.0	0.1
Petroleum Refining, Etc.	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.0	0.2
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	24.6	27.8	27.8	3.2	0.0
Leather & Leather Products	8.2	8.0	8.2	0.0	0.2
Mining	5.6	5.2	5.4	-0.2	0.2
Construction	86.3	81.5	84.0	-2.3	2.5
Service Producing	1,578.1	1,592.4	1,585.4	7.3	-7.0
Transportation, Communication, & Public Util.	116.7	113.5	114.0	-2.7	0.5
Transportation	88.3	86.3	86.6	-1.7	0.3
Communications & Public Utilities	28.4	27.2	27.4	-1.0	0.2
Trade	503.3	501.9	506.7	3.4	4.8
Wholesale Trade	126.9	125.4	125.7	-1.2	0.3
Durable Goods	71.3	70.2	70.3	-1.0	0.1
Nondurable Goods	55.6	55.2	55.4	-0.2	0.2
Retail Trade	376.4	376.5	381.0	4.6	4.5
Building Materials & Garden Supplies	14.6	13.9	14.4	-0.2	0.5
Retail General Merchandise	52.7	54.8	54.9	2.2	0.1
Food Stores	63.6	65.3	65.6	2.0	0.3
Automotive Dealers & Service Stations	40.8	40.1	40.5	-0.3	0.4
Apparel & Accessory Stores	20.8	21.3	21.4	0.6	0.1
Furniture & Home Furnishings	13.6	13.6	13.5	-0.1	-0.1
Eating & Drinking Places	127.7	125.0	128.2	0.5	3.2
Miscellaneous Retail	42.6	42.5	42.5	-0.1	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	103.7	102.9	103.3	-0.4	0.4
Finance	47.2	47.3	47.2	0.0	-0.1
Insurance	36.0	35.7	35.7	-0.3	0.0
Real Estate & Investment Offices	20.5	19.9	20.4	-0.1	0.5
Services	495.3	500.3	506.2	10.9	5.9
Hotels & Other Lodging	30.1	26.3	28.1	-2.0	1.8
Personal Services	24.7	23.8	24.1	-0.6	0.3
Business Services	93.8	96.3	96.5	2.7	0.2
Health Services	161.2	167.1	167.7	6.5	0.6
Hospitals	74.0	76.7	77.0	3.0	0.3
Government	359.1	373.8	355.2	-3.9	-18.6
Federal	62.6	58.5	58.5	-4.1	0.0
State**	93.2	92.7	92.4	-0.8	-0.3
State Education	48.5	48.9	48.7	0.2	-0.2
Local**	203.3	222.6	204.3	1.0	-18.3
Local Education	102.3	103.6	103.5	1.2	-0.1

*Estimates include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS

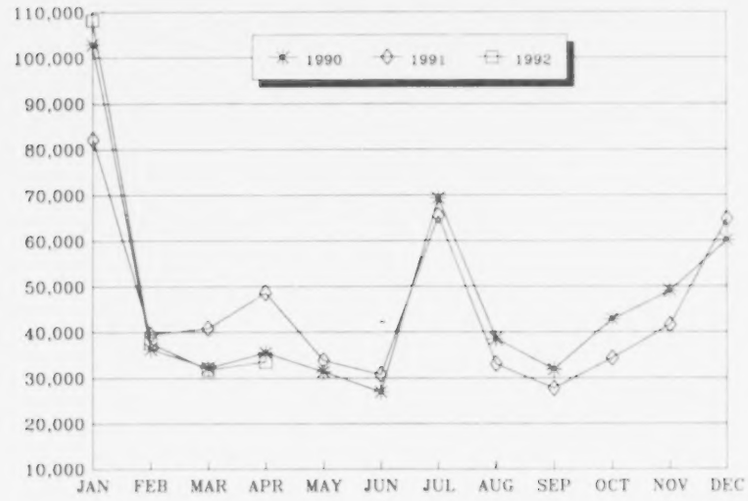
	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992
All Manufacturing	379.08	399.80	398.16	39.0	39.9	39.5	9.72	10.02	10.08
Durable Goods	389.64	416.87	410.97	38.2	40.2	39.9	10.20	10.37	10.30
Lumber & Wood Products	263.70	277.11	274.01	39.3	39.7	39.2	6.71	6.98	6.99
Furniture & Fixtures	306.95	349.68	334.06	35.9	37.6	37.2	8.55	9.30	8.98
Stone, Clay, & Glass	500.96	511.34	520.80	40.4	42.4	43.4	12.40	12.06	12.00
Primary Metal Industries	499.62	512.25	509.04	41.6	42.3	42.0	12.01	12.11	12.12
Fabricated Metal Products	424.67	427.84	422.93	39.8	40.4	39.6	10.67	10.59	10.68
Ind. Machinery, Electronic, & Other Electric Equipment	379.26	424.15	415.38	38.7	42.5	42.0	9.80	9.98	9.89
Instruments & Related Products	395.18	425.17	401.60	39.4	40.3	40.0	10.03	10.55	10.04
Nondurable Goods	367.75	382.14	383.76	39.8	39.6	39.0	9.24	9.65	9.84
Food & Kindred Products	384.17	384.46	387.46	41.0	40.9	40.7	9.37	9.40	9.52
Textile Mill Products	324.17	342.79	347.94	42.1	41.4	40.6	7.70	8.28	8.57
Apparel & Other Fabricated Prod.	238.10	243.39	242.08	36.8	36.6	35.6	6.47	6.65	6.80
Paper & Allied Products	531.83	552.48	536.78	43.7	43.4	42.2	12.17	12.73	12.72
Chemical & Allied Products	537.63	482.75	503.22	42.5	38.9	39.1	12.65	12.41	12.87
Rubber & Miscellaneous Plastics	398.38	467.46	460.02	40.2	42.0	41.0	9.91	11.13	11.22
Leather & Leather Products	254.10	273.61	266.64	38.5	38.7	38.7	6.60	7.07	6.89

TENNESSEE UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Numbers may not add due to rounding. All data are based on the 1991 benchmark.

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

MONTHLY INITIAL CLAIMS



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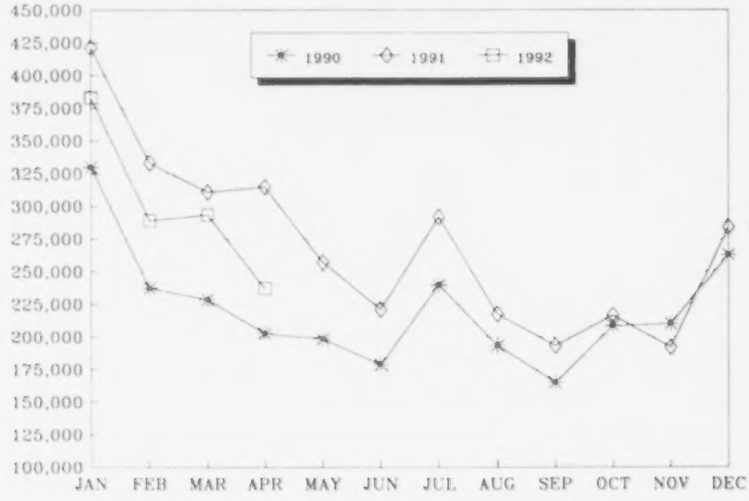

STATE BENEFIT PROGRAM

CLAIMS	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992
Initial Claims	48,639	31,810	33,558
Continued Weeks Claimed	314,700	293,543	237,218
Nonmonetary Determinations	3,974	4,479	4,072
Appeals Decisions	1,461	2,038	1,891
Lower Authority	1,193	1,607	1,609
Higher Authority	268	431	282

BENEFITS			
Amount Paid	$33,767,226	$31,838,724	$25,727,939
Benefit Weeks Paid	284,482	269,714	211,875
Average Weekly Benefit Amount	$117	$121	$122
First Payments	16,531	13,374	12,590
Final Payments	7,474	7,195	7,666
Average Weeks Duration	9	13	13
Trust Fund Balance	$595,836,973	$534,702,101	$551,370,363

FEDERAL BENEFIT PROGRAMS

FORMER FEDERAL EMPLOYEES:	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992
Benefits Paid	$1,128,781	$1,379,134	$1,039,994
Benefit Weeks Claimed	5,235	7,019	5,441
Initial Claims	498	337	451
Continued Weeks Claimed	5,271	6,633	5,441
Appeals Decisions	19	11	1

FORMER MILITARY PERSONNEL:			
Benefits Paid	$194,987	$1,005,748	$898,607
Benefit Weeks Claimed	1,172	5,380	4,914
Initial Claims	176	495	463
Continued Weeks Claimed	1,267	5,607	5,182
Appeals Decisions	7	21	5

CHATTANOOGA MSA*

Total nonagricultural employment increased slightly by 100 jobs from March to April and grew by 1,900 jobs over the year. Industrial machinery and equipment increased by 300 jobs partially due to a recall. The largest increase of 600 jobs occurred in services due to seasonal factors and the opening of a new business. The largest decrease of 900 jobs occurred in local government due to temporary election poll workers completing their jobs.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	April 1991	Revised March 1992	Preliminary April 1992	Net Change Apr. 1991 to Apr. 1992	Net Change Mar. 1992 to Apr. 1992
TOTAL	198.7	200.5	200.6	1.9	0.1
Goods Producing	51.6	50.5	50.7	-0.9	0.2
Manufacturing	44.4	43.4	43.7	-0.7	0.3
Durable Goods	16.7	15.9	16.2	-0.5	0.3
Lumber & Wood Products, including Furniture	1.2	1.2	1.2	0.0	0.0
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.0	0.0
Primary Metal Industries	3.4	3.3	3.3	-0.1	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	3.2	3.1	3.1	-0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	3.1	2.6	2.9	-0.2	0.3
All Other Durable Goods	5.0	4.9	4.9	-0.1	0.0
Nondurable Goods	27.7	27.5	27.5	-0.2	0.0
Food & Kindred Products	6.8	6.8	6.7	-0.1	-0.1
Textile Mill Products	11.5	11.5	11.5	0.0	0.0
Knitting Mills	2.5	2.4	2.4	-0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Fabricated Products	1.4	1.3	1.3	-0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	2.2	2.2	2.2	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	3.2	3.1	3.2	0.0	0.1
All Other Nondurable Goods	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Mining	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Construction	6.5	6.4	6.3	-0.2	-0.1
Service Producing	147.1	150.0	149.9	2.8	-0.1
Trans., Communication, & Public Utilities	8.4	8.4	8.5	0.1	0.1
Trade	47.3	48.4	48.5	1.2	0.1
Wholesale Trade	11.2	10.9	11.0	-0.2	0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	7.1	6.7	6.8	-0.3	0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.1	4.2	4.2	0.1	0.0
Retail Trade	36.1	37.5	37.5	1.4	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	13.4	13.2	13.3	-0.1	0.1
Services	43.6	44.6	45.2	1.6	0.6
Government	34.4	35.4	34.4	0.0	-1.0
Federal	7.7	7.0	7.0	-0.7	0.0
State & Local	26.7	28.4	27.4	0.7	-1.0
State	7.2	7.2	7.1	-0.1	-0.1
Local	19.5	21.2	20.3	0.8	-0.9

Estimates include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

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*The Chattanooga Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Hamilton, Marion, and Sequatchie counties in Tennessee and Catoosa, Dade, and Walker counties in Georgia.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS — **CHATTANOOGA MSA**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992
All Manufacturing	367.36	387.81	385.56	41.0	41.3	40.8	8.96	9.39	9.45
Durable Goods	366.21	417.22	410.85	40.6	42.4	41.5	9.02	9.84	9.90
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	307.33	369.50	371.90	39.1	39.1	40.6	7.86	9.45	9.16
Primary Metal Industries	403.38	459.57	419.63	40.5	45.1	41.1	9.96	10.19	10.21
Fabricated Metal Products	368.24	441.50	460.94	38.6	40.1	40.9	9.54	11.01	11.27
Machinery, Except Electrical	449.25	448.22	456.62	40.4	40.6	41.7	11.12	11.04	10.95
Nondurable Goods	367.50	369.06	368.75	41.2	40.6	40.3	8.92	9.09	9.15
Textile Mill Products	338.10	325.61	331.30	42.0	40.6	40.6	8.05	8.02	8.16
Knitting Mills	279.84	308.26	270.68	42.4	45.6	40.4	6.60	6.76	6.70
Paper and Allied Products	528.04	522.27	526.06	47.4	44.6	45.0	11.14	11.71	11.69
Chemicals and Allied Products	555.28	570.57	566.78	44.0	42.9	43.2	12.62	13.30	13.12

CHATTANOOGA MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
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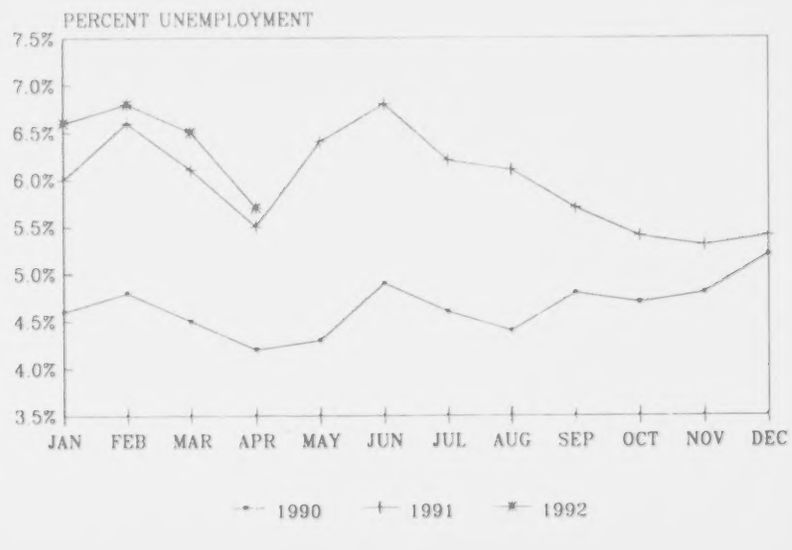

JOHNSON CITY, KINGSPORT, AND BRISTOL MSA*

Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 500 jobs from March to April but increased by 2,700 over the year. The largest decrease of 1,200 jobs occurred in local government due to temporary election poll workers completing their jobs. Seasonal increases were experienced in services (+200) and mining and construction (+200).

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (In thousands)

Industry	April 1991	Revised March 1992	Preliminary April 1992	Net Change Apr. 1991 to Apr. 1992	Net Change Mar. 1992 to Apr. 1992
TOTAL	175.6	178.8	178.3	2.7	-0.5
Goods Producing	62.3	63.0	63.5	1.2	0.5
Manufacturing	53.8	53.8	54.1	0.3	0.3
Durable Goods	21.8	21.3	21.7	-0.1	0.4
Lumber & Wood Products, including Furniture	1.9	2.2	2.3	0.4	0.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	2.2	2.1	2.1	-0.1	0.0
Primary Metal Industry and Fabricated Metal Products	4.6	4.3	4.4	-0.2	0.1
Machinery and Electronic & Electric Equipment	7.6	7.8	7.9	0.3	0.1
All Other Durable Goods	5.5	4.9	5.0	-0.5	0.1
Nondurable Goods	32.0	32.5	32.4	0.4	-0.1
Food & Kindred Products	2.1	2.0	2.0	-0.1	0.0
Textile Mill Products	2.6	2.8	2.7	0.1	-0.1
Apparel & Other Fabricated Prod.	4.0	4.1	4.1	0.1	0.0
Paper & Allied Products and Printing & Publishing	6.2	6.2	6.2	0.0	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	17.1	17.4	17.4	0.3	0.0
Mining & Construction	8.5	9.2	9.4	0.9	0.2
Service Producing	113.3	115.8	114.8	1.5	-1.0
Trans., Communication, & Public Util.	6.4	6.4	6.4	0.0	0.0
Trade	39.2	39.1	39.1	-0.1	0.0
Wholesale Trade	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	4.2	4.2	4.2	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	31.0	30.9	30.9	-0.1	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	5.5	5.6	5.6	0.1	0.0
Services	36.3	37.4	37.6	1.3	0.2
Government	25.9	27.3	26.1	0.2	-1.2
Federal	3.2	2.9	2.9	-0.3	0.0
State & Local	22.7	24.4	23.2	0.5	-1.2
State	6.4	6.5	6.5	0.1	0.0
Local	16.3	17.9	16.7	0.4	-1.2

Estimates include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

Numbers may not add due to rounding. Data are based on the 1991 benchmark.

* The Johnson City-Kingsport-Bristol Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Carter, Hawkins, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties in Tennessee and Scott County, Washington County, and Bristol City in Virginia.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS JOHNSON CITY-KINGSPORT-BRISTOL MSA

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992
All Manufacturing	419.69	374.68	387.46	40.2	38.0	38.4	10.44	9.86	10.09
Durable Goods	403.56	362.29	360.14	40.6	38.5	38.6	9.94	9.41	9.33
Primary & Fabricated Metal Prod.	458.17	443.39	438.84	42.7	41.4	41.4	10.73	10.71	10.60
Mach. & Elec. and Electronic Equip.	354.13	282.42	286.21	38.4	34.4	34.4	9.23	8.21	8.32
Nondurable Goods	431.72	383.90	408.28	39.9	37.6	38.3	10.82	10.21	10.66
Food & Kindred Products	353.10	431.88	431.60	40.4	40.4	40.0	8.74	10.69	10.79
Apparel & Other Fabricated Prod.	240.78	246.85	240.39	40.4	40.6	39.8	5.96	6.08	6.04

TRI-CITIES MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
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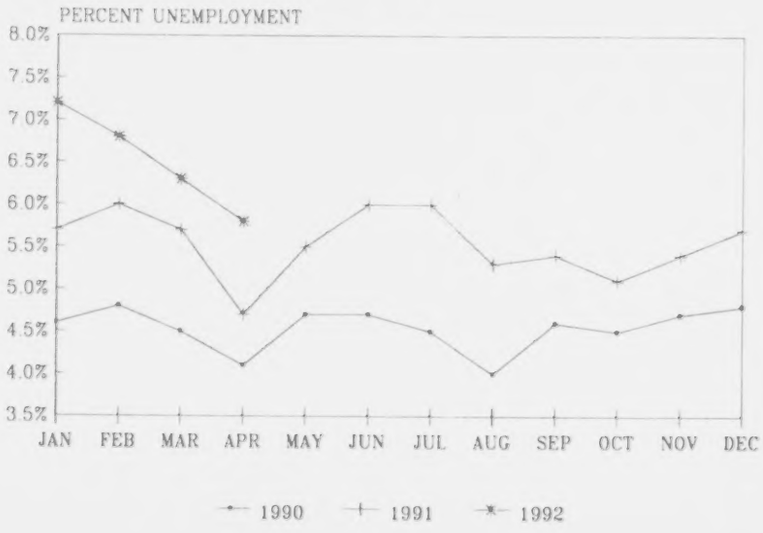

KNOXVILLE MSA*

Total nonagricultural employment increased by 800 jobs from March to April and grew by 3,000 jobs over the year. Manufacturing decreased by 600 jobs with the largest decrease of 300 reported in other durable goods. Apparel decreased by 200 jobs due partially to a layoff. Local government decreased by 1,600 jobs due to temporary election poll workers completing their jobs. State government decreased by 200 jobs due to seasonal factors. Seasonal increases were experienced in services (+1,200) and retail trade (+1,500).

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	April 1991	Revised March 1992	Preliminary April 1992	Net Change Apr. 1991 to Apr. 1992	Net Change Mar. 1992 to Apr. 1992
TOTAL	271.3	273.5	274.3	3.0	0.8
Goods Producing	62.6	63.9	63.4	0.8	-0.5
Manufacturing	49.7	50.6	50.0	0.3	-0.6
Durable Goods	29.8	30.8	30.4	0.6	-0.4
Lumber & Wood Products	2.3	2.3	2.3	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	2.1	2.3	2.2	0.1	-0.1
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.1	0.0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	2.0	2.2	2.2	0.2	0.0
All Other Durable Goods	22.1	22.6	22.3	0.2	-0.3
Nondurable Goods	19.9	19.8	19.6	-0.3	-0.2
Food & Kindred Products	3.2	2.8	2.8	-0.4	0.0
Textile Mill Products	1.7	1.8	1.8	0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Fabricated Prod.	8.5	8.7	8.5	0.0	-0.2
Paper, and Printing & Publishing	4.1	4.0	4.0	-0.1	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	2.4	2.5	2.5	0.1	0.0
Mining	1.3	1.4	1.4	0.1	0.0
Construction	11.6	11.9	12.0	0.4	0.1
Service Producing	208.7	209.6	210.9	2.2	1.3
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	10.4	10.2	10.2	-0.2	0.0
Trade	71.3	68.9	70.6	-0.7	1.7
Wholesale Trade	15.3	14.9	15.1	-0.2	0.2
Wholesale Durable Goods	9.2	8.9	9.0	-0.2	0.1
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	6.1	6.0	6.1	0.0	0.1
Retail Trade	56.0	54.0	55.5	-0.5	1.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	9.6	9.4	9.5	-0.1	0.1
Services	64.2	64.8	66.0	1.8	1.2
Government	53.2	56.3	54.6	1.4	-1.7
Federal	7.2	6.9	7.0	-0.2	0.1
State & Local	46.0	49.4	47.6	1.6	-1.8
State	22.4	23.4	23.2	0.8	-0.2
Local	23.6	26.0	24.4	0.8	-1.6

Estimates include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

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* The Knoxville Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Anderson, Blount, Grainger, Jefferson, Knox, Sevier, and Union counties.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS — **KNOXVILLE MSA**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992
All Manufacturing	381.02	410.44	408.85	38.8	40.2	40.4	9.82	10.21	10.12
Durable Goods	415.80	444.29	444.14	39.6	41.1	41.9	10.50	10.81	10.60
Stone, Clay, & Glass Products	412.58	388.97	379.45	42.1	40.1	39.9	9.80	9.70	9.51
Machinery, Except Electrical	416.98	454.28	444.96	43.3	48.9	48.0	9.63	9.29	9.27
Nondurable Goods	332.76	359.68	356.79	37.6	38.8	38.2	8.85	9.27	9.34
Food and Kindred Products	318.00	359.29	309.46	37.5	38.8	38.3	8.48	9.26	8.08
Textile Mill Products	352.20	314.25	317.58	38.2	33.9	33.5	9.22	9.27	9.48
Apparel & Other Fabricated Prod.	277.59	301.32	311.56	38.5	39.7	38.8	7.21	7.59	8.03

KNOXVILLE MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
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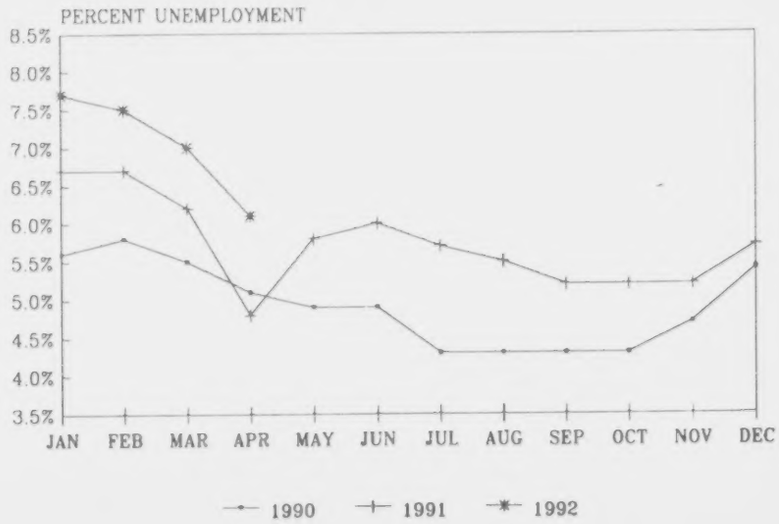

MEMPHIS MSA*

Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 1,400 jobs between March and April but increased by 200 jobs over the year. Seasonal increases were reported in services (+400), retail trade (+500), and mining and construction (+500). Local government decreased by 3,500 jobs due to temporary election poll workers completing their jobs.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	April 1991	Revised March 1992	Preliminary April 1992	Net Change Apr. 1991 to Apr. 1992	Net Change Mar. 1992 to Apr. 1992
TOTAL	471.7	473.3	471.9	0.2	-1.4
Goods Producing	77.6	77.4	78.3	0.7	0.9
Manufacturing	59.3	59.8	60.2	0.9	0.4
Durable Goods	26.1	26.6	26.9	0.8	0.3
Lumber & Wood Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Sawmills & Planing Mills	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	1.8	1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Products	5.5	5.4	5.5	0.0	0.1
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	5.7	5.9	5.9	0.2	0.0
Electronic & Electric Equipment	3.7	4.0	4.1	0.4	0.1
All Other Durable Goods	7.5	7.6	7.7	0.2	0.1
Nondurable Goods	33.2	33.2	33.3	0.1	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	7.1	7.1	7.1	0.0	0.0
Apparel & Other Fabricated Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0.0	0.0
Paper & Allied Products	7.7	7.8	7.9	0.2	0.1
Printing & Publishing	6.1	6.1	6.1	0.0	0.0
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.6	7.6	7.6	0.0	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	2.8	2.7	2.7	-0.1	0.0
Mining & Construction	18.3	17.6	18.1	-0.2	0.5
Service Producing	394.1	395.9	393.6	-0.5	-2.3
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	47.2	46.7	46.8	-0.4	0.1
Trade	122.3	121.1	121.6	-0.7	0.5
Wholesale Trade	37.6	38.1	38.1	0.5	0.0
Wholesale Durable Goods	23.4	23.4	23.4	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	14.2	14.7	14.7	0.5	0.0
Retail Trade	84.7	83.0	83.5	-1.2	0.5
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	24.8	25.1	25.2	0.4	0.1
Services	120.7	120.0	120.4	-0.3	0.4
Government	79.1	83.0	79.6	0.5	-3.4
Federal	21.0	20.5	20.6	-0.4	0.1
State & Local	58.1	62.5	59.0	0.9	-3.5
State	14.2	13.9	13.9	-0.3	0.0
Local	43.9	48.6	45.1	1.2	-3.5

Estimates include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

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* The Memphis Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Shelby and Tipton counties in Tennessee, Crittendon County in Arkansas, and De Soto County in Mississippi.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS — **MEMPHIS MSA**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992
All Manufacturing	414.06	423.12	421.87	40.2	41.0	40.8	10.30	10.32	10.34
Durable Goods	365.69	378.30	375.93	37.7	39.0	39.2	9.70	9.70	9.59
Lumber and Wood Products	251.37	260.04	267.05	39.4	39.4	39.1	6.38	6.60	6.83
Furniture and Fixtures	295.21	296.45	292.60	39.1	38.6	38.0	7.55	7.68	7.70
Nondurable Goods	457.30	463.95	462.51	42.5	42.8	42.2	10.76	10.84	10.96
Food and Kindred Products	368.05	397.98	411.74	41.4	43.4	42.1	8.89	9.17	9.78
Paper and Allied Products	518.58	495.56	487.88	43.0	43.7	43.6	12.06	11.34	11.19
Chemicals and Allied Prod.	571.33	550.29	535.87	45.2	42.2	41.0	12.64	13.04	13.07

MEMPHIS MSA UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
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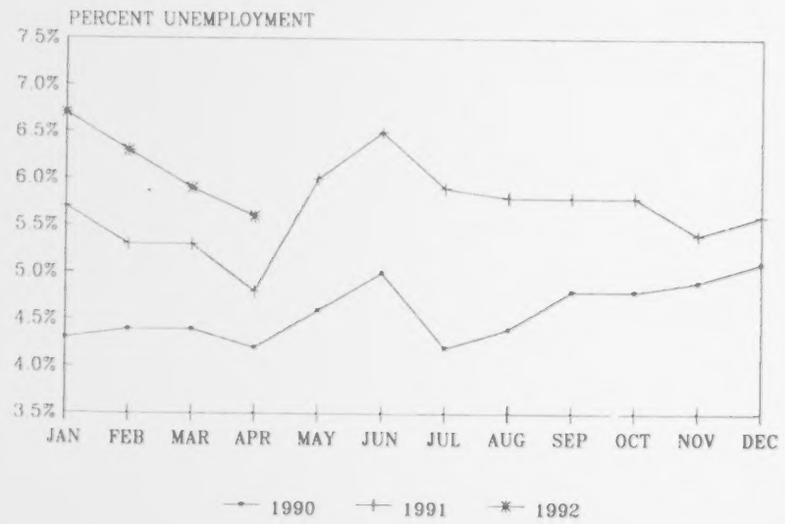

NASHVILLE MSA*

Total nonagricultural employment decreased by 2,600 jobs between March and April. Construction experienced a seasonal increase of 600 jobs. Transportation equipment increased by 300 jobs. The largest decrease of 3,000 jobs occurred in local government due to temporary election poll workers completing their jobs. Services reported a decrease of 300 jobs.

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT (in thousands)

Industry	April 1991	Revised March 1992	Preliminary April 1992	Net Change Apr. 1991 to Apr. 1992	Net Change Mar. 1992 to Apr. 1992
TOTAL	491.7	498.0	495.4	3.7	-2.6
Goods Producing	105.6	106.0	106.9	1.3	0.9
Manufacturing	85.2	87.8	88.1	2.9	0.3
Durable Goods	46.4	48.6	48.8	2.4	0.2
Lumber & Wood Products	2.2	2.4	2.4	0.2	0.0
Furniture & Fixtures	3.5	3.4	3.3	-0.2	-0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	8.2	8.2	8.2	0.0	0.0
Machinery and Electronic & Electric Equipment	14.1	15.2	15.2	1.1	0.0
Transportation Equipment	10.7	11.7	12.0	1.3	0.3
All Other Durable Goods	7.7	7.7	7.7	0.0	0.0
Nondurable Goods	38.8	39.2	39.3	0.5	0.1
Food & Kindred Products	6.3	6.4	6.4	0.1	0.0
Textile Mill Products	1.9	2.0	2.0	0.1	0.0
Apparel & Other Fabricated Prod.	2.8	2.9	2.9	0.1	0.0
Printing & Publishing	14.0	14.3	14.3	0.3	0.0
Petroleum, Coal, & Rubber Products	5.7	5.8	5.8	0.1	0.0
Leather & Leather Products	1.7	1.7	1.7	0.0	0.0
All Other Nondurable Goods	6.4	6.1	6.2	-0.2	0.1
Mining & Construction	20.4	18.2	18.8	-1.6	0.6
Service Producing	386.1	392.0	388.5	2.4	-3.5
Trans., Communication, & Utilities	28.6	28.4	28.4	-0.2	0.0
Trade	119.9	121.3	121.2	1.3	-0.1
Wholesale Trade	31.7	31.5	31.4	-0.3	-0.1
Wholesale Durable Goods	18.8	18.3	18.3	-0.5	0.0
Wholesale Nondurable Goods	12.9	13.2	13.1	0.2	-0.1
Retail Trade	88.2	89.8	89.8	1.6	0.0
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	31.0	30.9	30.8	-0.2	-0.1
Services	136.1	138.1	137.8	1.7	-0.3
Government	70.5	73.3	70.3	-0.2	-3.0
Federal	10.2	10.1	10.1	-0.1	0.0
State & Local	60.3	63.2	60.2	-0.1	-3.0
State	24.0	23.4	23.4	-0.6	0.0
Local	36.3	39.8	36.8	0.5	-3.0

Estimates include all full- and part-time nonagricultural wage and salary employees who worked during, or received pay for, any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. This is a count of jobs by place of work. Agricultural workers, proprietors, self-employed persons, workers in private households, and unpaid family workers are excluded.

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* The Nashville Metropolitan Statistical Area includes Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Robertson, Rutherford, Sumner, Williamson, and Wilson counties.

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION WORKERS — **NASHVILLE MSA**

	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992	Apr. 1991	Mar. 1992	Apr. 1992
All Manufacturing	441.10	441.22	451.33	40.1	39.5	39.8	11.00	11.17	11.34
Durable Goods	458.24	485.62	488.46	39.3	41.4	41.5	11.66	11.73	11.77
Nondurable Goods	418.14	377.20	396.50	41.4	36.8	37.3	10.10	10.25	10.63
Food and Kindred Products	430.73	409.36	419.48	41.9	41.9	42.5	10.28	9.77	9.87
Printing and Publishing	365.59	359.52	375.42	39.1	32.1	33.4	9.35	11.20	11.24

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U.S. CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers		
	U.S. CITY AVERAGE	Percent change Apr. 91 Apr. 92	Percent change Mar. 92 Apr. 92	U.S. CITY AVERAGE	Percent change Apr. 91 Apr. 92	Percent change Mar. 92 Apr. 92
All items (1982-84=100)...	139.5	3.2	0.1	137.3	3.0	0.2
All items (1967=100).....	417.9	-	-	408.9	-	-
Food and beverages.....	138.8	1.2	0	138.5	1.2	0.1
Food.....	138.1	1.0	0	137.7	1.0	0
Food at home.....	137.4	0.3	- 0.1	136.9	0.2	- 0.1
Food away from home....	140.2	2.3	0.1	140.1	2.3	0.1
Alcoholic beverages.....	147.2	3.2	0.3	147.1	3.2	0.3
Housing.....	136.5	3.0	- 0.1	133.9	2.9	- 0.1
Shelter.....	150.2	3.4	- 0.1	146.2	3.4	- 0.1
Renters' costs 1/.....	160.1	3.2	- 0.7	140.6	3.2	- 0.4
Rent, residential.....	146.2	2.6	- 0.1	145.8	2.7	- 0.1
Apparel and upkeep.....	133.3	2.5	- 0.1	132.1	2.6	0
Transportation.....	125.2	2.5	0.6	124.1	2.3	0.7
Medical care.....	188.1	7.9	0.4	187.6	7.9	0.4
Entertainment.....	142 0	3.1	0.6	140.5	3.0	0.6
Other goods & services...	180.3	6.8	0.3	180.3	6.6	0.3
Purchasing power of the dollar: 1982-84=$1.00	$.717	- 3.0	- 0.1	$.729	- 2.8	- 0.1

Group	All urban consumers			Wage earners & clerical workers		
	ALL ITEMS	Percent change Apr. 91 Apr. 92	Percent change Mar. 92 Apr. 92	ALL ITEMS	Percent change Apr. 91 Apr. 92	Percent change Mar. 92 Apr. 92
SOUTH (1982-84=100).....	135.9	2.9	0.3	134.5	2.7	0.2
Less than 50,000 pop.....	134.1	2.4	0.4	134.2	2.2	0.4
50,000 - 450,000 pop.....	135.1	3.1	0.4	134.9	2.8	0.3
450,000 - 1,200,000 pop...	137.4	3.2	0.3	134.2	3.0	0.3
1,200,000 or more pop.....	136.1	2.6	0.1	134.6	2.6	0.1
SOUTH (Dec. 1977=100).....	220.4	-	-	217.9	-	-
Less than 50,000 pop.....	217.8	-	-	217.2	-	-
50,000 - 450,000 pop.....	218.6	-	-	218.4	-	-
450,000 - 1,200,000 pop...	224.4	-	-	217.5	-	-
1,200,000 or more pop.....	219.7	-	-	218.0	-	-

1/ Base year is December 1982 for CPI-U; December 1984 for CPI-W.

NOTE: Because they are based on smaller samples, local area indexes are subject to substantially more sampling and other measurement error than national indexes. BLS strongly urges users to consider the use of national indexes in escalator agreements.

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